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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UK, MT

SUBJECT: MALTA FIR

REF: ROME 11802

1. VICE DIRGEN POLAFFAIRS INFORMED DCM TODAY THAT ITALIANS HAVE DEFINITE INFORMATION QADHAFI ACTIVELY SEEKING TRANSFER OPERATION OF MALTA FIR TO TRIPOLI. SOURCE STATES THIS IS SENSITIVE INFO --PROTECT INFO AND SOURCE. SOURCE REFERRED TO CHANGE IN BOUNDARY OF MALTA AND TRIPOLI FIR'S APPROVED AT AFIRAN CONFERENCE JAN 1973. SOURCE BELIEVES AFIRAN APPROVAL OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THAT TIME CONCERNING BOUNDARIES SET A PRECEDENT AND THAT MALTA AND LIBYA COULD NOT RPT NOT NOW AGREE TO CHANGE OF LOCATION OF CONTROL CENTERS WITHOUT REFERENCE OTHER PARTIES. DCM HAS APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN DEPTH WITH VICE DIRGEN POLAFFAIRS WEDS, OCT 31.

2. ASSUME TRANSFER MALTA FIR FUNCTION TO TRIPOLI ALSO UNWELCOME TO US. GUIDANCE BY COB WASHINGTON TUES OCT 30 WOULD BE APPRECI-  
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